

## REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-6 are in the application. Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate therein the specific salt in the bed of salt. Claim 2 has thereafter been canceled. Claims 3-5 are dependent upon amended claim 1. Claim 6 has been amended to be dependent upon claim 1.

In the Office Action, claims 2 and 6 were objected to as being dependent on a rejected base claim, but being allowable if written in independent form. Claim 1 is now claim 2 in independent form. Claim 6 is dependent upon claim 1, which has been amended to include the element of claim 2.

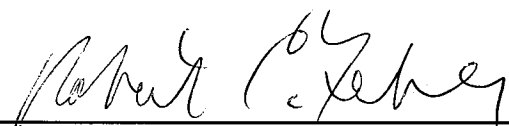
Claims 1 and 3-5 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 over the U.S. patent to Kallenbach. With the amendment of claim 1 to include the specific salt of claim 2, claim 1 has now been amended to be distinguishable from the reference. Claims 3-5 are dependent upon amended claim 1. For these reasons, the rejection of claim 1 and 3-5 has been rendered moot.

Accordingly, allowance of remaining claims 1 and 3-6 is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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